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1. A mine and depth charge storage and loading wharf is on the west bank of the Kaiserfahrt Channel, near Swinoujscie (Swinemuende), approximately 300 meters southeast of the underground oil storage.
2. The quay wall facing the Kaiserfahrt consists of broadly corrugated metal plates, driven into the bed of the channel. This frontage is approximately 400 meters in length. A broad-gauge track runs the entire length of the quay, parallel to the water; on it are four similar power-driven mobile cranes. The length of the crane arm is approximately 18 meters but the lifting capacity is unknown. A network of narrow-gauge tracks interconnects the quay, the buildings behind it, and a narrow-gauge railroad line entering the perimeter from the landward side. Tip trucks are drawn by small Diesel engines.
3. The north building is a mine and depth charge store. Of shed-like construction with an inverted V roof of red tiles, it measures approximately 80 meters in length and 20 meters in width. There are two broad sliding doors on the side facing the Kaiserfahrt.
4. The south building is a store for spare engines, parts, and minesweeping gear. It is similar in construction and size to the above building.
5. All personnel employed in the area are Soviet naval personnel, except for the security guards.
6. The entire compound is surrounded by a barbed wire fence, approximately 2.2 meters high, supported by concrete posts. The fence runs inland at both ends at right angles to the Kaiserfahrt, but may follow an irregular or curved course further inland. Maximum depth of the enclosed area is approximately 150 meters. Perimeter guards and patrols within the compound wear Soviet Army uniforms.

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7. Two types of mines are stored here:
 - 1) small round mines, smooth-surfaced and painted a dark grey-green, of approximately 60 cm. in diameter, without horns, packed in cylindrical wooden containers standing approximately one meter high;
 - 2) larger mines of approximately 80 cm. in diameter, with horns, painted grey.
8. The depth charges are of a standard German type and are painted grey. The only minesweeping gear observed were otters and cables.
9. Near the southwest corner of the south building and inside the wire fence is an antiaircraft position, consisting of one searchlight and three or more mobile antiaircraft guns. The guns have rubber-tired wheels.

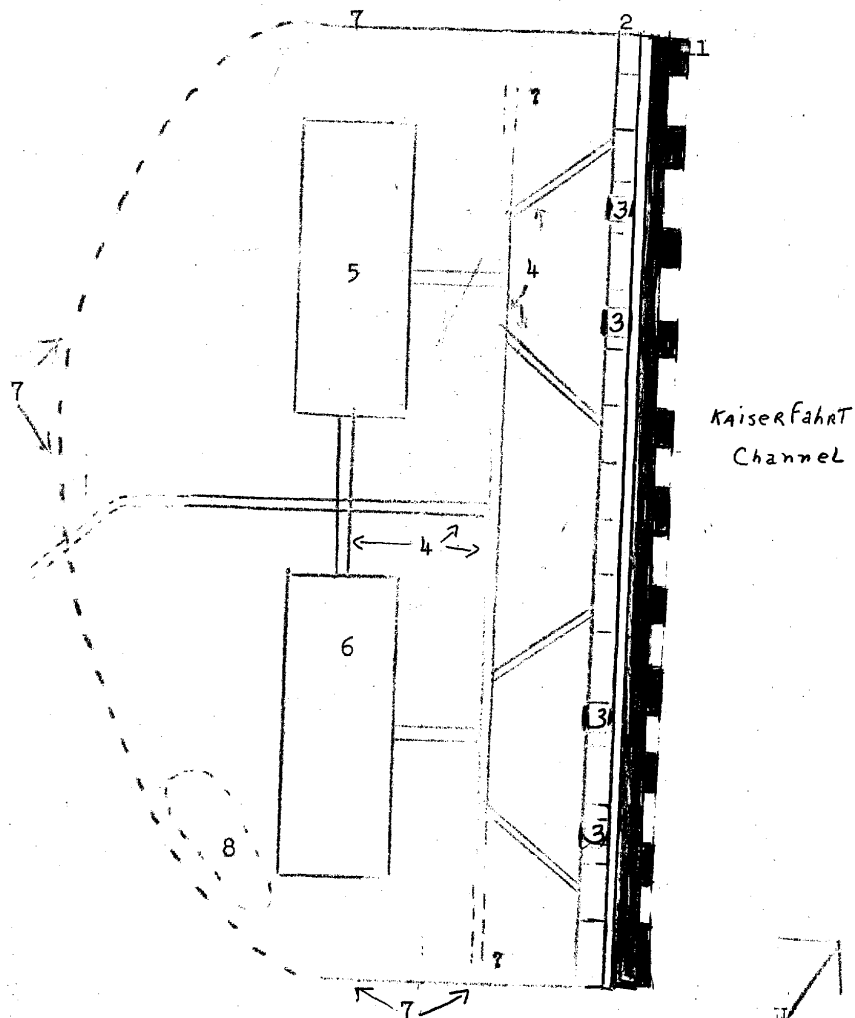
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Mine and Depth Charge Storage South of Swinoujscie



Not to Scale

Legend

1. Quay wall
2. Broad-gauge lines
3. Cranes
4. Narrow-gauge lines
5. Mine store
6. Spare parts and minesweeping gear
7. Perimeter fence
8. Antiaircraft position

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